

Statistics of paddy and rice.

15. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have ascertained the approximate quantity of paddy or rice required for ordinary consumption in each pakuthi;

(b) the total quantity of paddy produced in each pakuthi for 1118—Kumbhom crop, according to the statistics recently collected; and

(c) the total quantity of paddy available for purchase by the Government in each pakuthi for 1118—Kumbhom crop, as per information recently collected?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Additional Secretary to Government*): (a) (b) and (c) Correct statistics in this respect are being collected.

Statistics of Rice.

16. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunmatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have taken any correct statistics as to the quantity of rice required for the people of the State and what portion of the same is produced here;

(b) if so, when were such statistics taken;

(c) what is the quantity of rice required in Travancore; and

(d) what is the quantity produced here?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (a) to (d). It is estimated that a total quantity of about 2,63,000 tons of rice are produced locally and that the total minimum requirement is about 6,17,000 tons of rice per year.

Production and consumption of rice or paddy.

17. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rice or paddy that is required to meet the demands of the people of this country per year; and

(b) the quantity produced in the State per year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (a) and (b). The attention of the member is invited to answer to question No. 16.

Court Proceedings by or against Travancoreans in Enemy Occupied Territories.

18. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether difficulties are experienced by courts and parties in the matter of the conduct of suits and proceedings by or against subjects of Travancore residing or held up in territories occupied by the enemy?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): Yes. The matter is under consideration by the High Court.